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All that you need to do is to meet Debs to like him.

Every Socialist in the state should be on the subscription books of the Montana News.

The Socialist state ticket of Montana will be nominated next week. Watch for their platform.

It appears that the Chicago Socialists have been having a very interesting time, but nothing save good can come from the fight.

While many the Socialists are fighting about the platform, etc., none seem to have a fight on the standard bearers, Debs and Hanford.

There are some people who do not like Debs, but they will find when the votes are counted that there are over a million of us who do like him.

Union men, if you are not a Socialists, you should read the Montana News. It is fighting your battle, and even though it may be in a feeble way it is deserving of your support.

It is the hope of the Socialists that Heinze may go, and stay gone, for the sooner he is out of the way the sooner the real fight will be on; not until then will the common herd line up in the ranks of the Socialist party.

The real difference between the two old parties and the Socialist party is this: The two old parties control the rank and file while in the Socialist movement the rank and file control the party. Which do you prefer?

Comrade Bertha S. Wilkins, manager of the Los Angeles Socialist gave one of the best condensed write-ups of the National Socialist convention published in the United States. The front page presented a fine typographical appearance in make-up that is so seldom seen in Socialist publications.

Old partyites should not make the mistake that when Socialists get in a fight among themselves that they are about to "bust" up. Such is not the case. They are simply arranging the preliminaries to a more perfect order of solidarity. It is the same as the prize fighter in the ring with his trainer; he is getting ready to whip his opponent.

The report from Boston that Heinze would sever his connection with the state of Montana, as arrangements had been made to buy his mining interests by the Amalgamated, caused some long faces in this state among the boodle politicians. It's a sad blow to some of the "barrel, booze and boodle" people and their anti-trust independent movement.

The letter of Eugene V. Debs criticising Mitchell, the labor fakir, for urging a reduction in wages for the miners, surely harpooned the fakir under the short ribs from the way he yells. A hurt bird always flutters, and his request that the men quit work a half hour during the funeral of Mark Hanna, which was, we are glad to say voted down,

his urging of an acceptance of reduction in wages, and his fit of anger at Debs for his questionable acts leads the average laborer to ask what is the matter with that man Mitchell? It can be answered in one word.

Sounds Our Sentiments.

The Erie People, one of the best Socialist papers that comes to our exchange table, sounds our sentiments to a "t" in the following paragraph in an editorial in regard to the national platform:

The Erie People is not going to take a seat on the fence in this controversy. It has well defined views on the subject and will not hesitate to express them, but we may state that while the platform contains much that we would wish to see expunged, we have no intention of pushing the controversy to such limits as will in the least interfere with the propaganda work for the great campaign ahead of us, believing that the subject is in no sense important enough to justify this. We believe it nothing short of criminal folly, under present circumstances to attempt to spoil the Socialist ship for this "hap'orth of tar." Honesty and sincerity of purpose cannot be made an excuse for the mulish obstinacy that invites disaster at a critical period like the present.

While there is a strong feeling that the platform is not what it should be, there is a greater work staring us in the face at the present than monkeying over technical points—the work of propaganda. Herron's literary production would do for a state paper, but possibly it is none the less good for a platform and a lengthy propaganda document; in fact it recites the laborer's case from Genesis to Revelations, and the absence of the word "revolution" must have been an oversight for it contains everything but that.

However let us lay this time-taking trouble aside until after the national campaign, and then we will need something to "chew the rag about" and it will be a very good thing; and after three years of chewing the next convention will be better posted as to what to adopt in the national platform.

Debs Speech of Acceptance.

In the councils of the Socialist party the collective will is supreme. (Applause.) Personally I could have wished to remain in the ranks, to make my record, humble though it might be, fighting unnamed and unnumbered side by side with my comrades. I accept your nomination, not because of any honor it confers—because in the Socialist movement no Comrade can be honored except as he honors himself by his fidelity to the movement. I accept your nomination because of the confidence it implies, because of the duty it imposes. I cannot but wish that I may in a reasonable measure meet your expectations; that I may prove myself fit and worthy to bear aloft in the coming strife the banner of the working class; that by my utterances and by my conduct, not in an individual capacity, but as your representative, I may prove myself worthy to bear the standard of the only party that proposes to emancipate my class from the thrall of the ages.

It is my honor to stand in the presence of a very historic convention, and I would that Karl Marx might be here today; I would that Lassalle and Engels, the men who long before the movement had its present standing wrought and sacrificed to make it possible for me to stand in this magnificent presence—I wish it were possible for them to share in the glories of this occasion. We are on the eve of battle to-day. We are ready for the contest. We are eager for the fray. We depart from here with the endorsement of a convention that shall challenge undisputed the approval of the working class of the world. The platform upon which we stand is the first American utterance upon the subject of international Socialism. Hitherto we have repeated, we have reiterated, we have followed. For the first time in the history of the American movement we have realized the American expression of the movement. There is not a line, not a word in that platform which is not revolutionary, which is not

clear, which does not state precisely and properly the position of the American movement. We leave this convention standing on this platform, to throw down the gauntlet to the capitalist enemy, to challenge the capitalist oppressor to do battle for the perpetration of a system that keeps in chains those in whose name we meet to-day. (Applause.)

There is a republican party; the dominant capitalist party of this time; the party that has its representative in the white house; the party that dominates both branches of the congress; the party that controls the supreme court; the party that absolutely controls the press; the party that gives inspiration to the subsidized pulpit; the party that controls every force of government; the party that is absolutely in power in every department of our activity. And as a necessary result we find that corruption is rampant; that the congress of the United States dare not respond to the demands of the people to open the sources of corruption from which the lava stream flows down the mountain sides; that they adjourned long before the hour struck for adjournment in order that they might postpone the inevitable.

There is a democratic party—(A Voice: "Where?")—a party that has not stock enough left to proclaim its own bankruptcy (laughter and applause); an expiring party that stands upon the crumbling foundations of a dying class; a party that is torn by dissension; a party that cannot unite; a party that is looking backward and hoping for the resurrection of the men who gave it inspiration a century ago; a party that is appealing to the cemeteries of the past; a party that is trying to vitalize itself by its ghosts, by its corpses, by those who cannot be heard in their own defense. Thomas Jefferson would scorn to enter a modern democratic convention. He would have as little business there as Abraham Lincoln would have in a modern republican convention. If they were living today they would be delegates to this convention. (Tremendous applause.)

The Socialist party meets these two parties face to face, without a semblance of apology, without an attempt at explanation, scorning to compromise, it throws down the gage of battle and declares that there is but one solution of what is called the labor question, and that is by the complete overthrow of the capitalist system. (Applause.)

You have honored me in the magnitude of the task that you have imposed upon me, far beyond the power of my weak words to express. I can simply say that obedient to your call I respond. Responsive to your command I am here. I shall serve you to the limit of my capacity. My controlling ambition shall be to bear the standard aloft where the battle waxes thickest. I shall not hesitate as the opportunity comes to me to voice the emancipating gospel of the Socialist movement. I shall be heard in the coming campaign as often, and as decidedly, and as emphatically, as revolutionarily, as uncompromisingly as my ability, my strength and my fidelity to the movement will allow. I invoke no aid but that which springs from the misery of my class; no power that does not spring spontaneously from the prostrate body of the workers of the world. Above all other things I realize that for the first time in the history of all the ages there is a working class movement ("Hear, hear," and applause)—perfectly free from the sentimentality of those who riot in the misery of the class who are in that movement. On this occasion above all others, my comrades, we are appealing to ourselves, we are bestirring ourselves, we are arousing the working class, the class that through all of the ages has been oppressed, crushed, suffered, for the one reason that through all the centuries of the past this class has lacked the consciousness of its overmastering power that shall give it control and make it master of the world. This class is just beginning to awaken from the torpor of the centuries, and the most hopeful sign of the times is that from the dull, the dim eye of the man who is in this class

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there goes forth for the first time in history the first gleam of intelligence the first sign of the promise that he is becoming conscious of his power; and when he, through the inspiration of the Socialist movement, shall become completely conscious of that power, he will overthrow the capitalist system and bring the emancipation of his class. (Great Applause.)

To consecrate myself to my small part of this great work is my supreme ambition. I can hope only to do that part which is expected of me so well that my comrades, when the final verdict is rendered, will say, "He was not a candidate for president; he did not aspire to hold office; he did not try to associate his name with the passing glories, but he did prove himself worthy to be a member of the Socialist party; he proved his right to a place in the International Socialist Movement of the World." If when this little work shall have been completed this can be said of me, my acceptance of your nomination will have been so much more completely made than I could hope to frame it in weak words that I close not with the decided utterance, but with the wish and the hope and the ambition that when the fight has been performed so far as it lies in the power of an individual to perform that task, that my acceptance of the honor you have conferred upon me will have been made and that your wisdom and your judgement will have been vindicated by the membership of the party throughout the country.

From the depths of my heart I thank you. I thank you and each of you, and through you I thank those you represent. I thank you not from my lips merely. I thank you from the depths of a heart that is responsive to your consideration. We shall meet again. We shall meet often, and when we meet finally we shall meet in much large numbers to ratify the coming of the Socialist Republic. (Great and prolonged applause.)

Hanford's Speech of Acceptance.

Mr. Chairman and Comrades: You notice we went a long ways around to get here. (Laughter.) I have noticed that Socialists sometimes do go a long ways around to get a very short distance, but just so we get there, that is the main thing.

"I want to say briefly a word in relation to Comrade Debs, that for quite a long time past myself and many other Comrades have considered with each other and in an entirely informal way as to who would in all probability be the best possible choice as a candidate for President, and while none of these com-

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Financial Report From February 15th to April 30th. 1904.

Expense		Receipts Dues	
Kerr & Co., Literature.....	\$10 00	Fishtail,	\$ 75
Appeal,	3 20	Wm. Mailey, refund	
Stamps,	1 50	Adv. matter,	13 50
Journal Pub. Co.,	10 00	Lewistown,	3 60
Postage and Furniture		Maiden,	1 20
repairs,	3 20	Butte,	17 40
Stationery,	17 10	Fishtail,	2 10
Typewriter (Sec. Cooney) ..	5 00	Victor,	75
Salary (Sec. Cooney)	15 00	Canyon Ferry,	90
Postage,	3 00	Rochester,	1 95
National Dues,	10 00	Glendive,	1 05
Comrade Schwend, Local Q.	1 60	Butte,	3 00
Comrade Frinke, " "	1 60	Missoula,	3 60
Salary (Sec. Cooney)	5 00	Aldridge,	2 25
Headquarters, Stamps,	20 10	Victor,	75
Moving Office,	1 00	Gilt Edge,	4 00
Postage,	40	Maiden,	1 20
Copying Ink,	1 50	Red Lodge,	1 50
Office Supplies and use of		" "	3 00
Typewriter (P. J. Cooney) ..	6 60	Anaconda,	5 25
Wm. Mailey, Old debt,	27 60	Fishtail,	1 80
J. G. Evans, Office Supplies	2 10	Monarch,	4 00
Postage and Telegram,	67	Helena,	2 10
P. J. Cooney, back salary ..	5 00	Stevensville,	60
Stencil Paper,	2 50	Lewistown,	1 50
Postage,	2 00	Kalispell,	6 00
Journal Printing Co.,	9 50	Bozeman,	4 00
W. H. Pierce, Salary Sec'y, ..	25 00	Stark,	4 80
Telegrams,	1 50	Aldridge,	3 00
Postage,	2 00	Great Falls,	4 95
Freight Brown adv. matter, ..	7 75	Chico,	4 50
		Victor,	75
		Clancy,	5 70
		Butte,	12 50
		Chico,	90
Total,	\$201 42	Total, Supplies	\$126 10
Total Receipts,	138 95	Fishtail,	30
Total Expense,	201 42	Glendive,	20
		Red Lodge,	25
		Clancy,	30
		Total, Literature	\$1 05
		Fishtail,	90
		Hamilton,	2 40
		Kendall,	2 40
		Total, Donations	\$5 70
		Maiden,	4 80
		Rochester,	1 10
		Stark,	20
		Total,	\$6 10
		Grand Total,	\$138 95